

BOUTONNEUSE FEVER

(Mediterranean Spotted Fever)

- Caused by rickettsia obtained from tick bites
 - Increased risk June-October
- Symptoms
 - High fever, severe headache, and muscle, joint, or back pain
 - Generalized rash involving palms and soles
 - Small, dark-centered ulcer at site of tick bite
- Countermeasures
 - Use the DOD Insect Repellent System
 - Sleep under a permethrin-treated bed net
 - Regular examination of clothing and skin for ticks; promptly remove attached ticks



Prevent tick bites